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ORDER GRANTING MOTION TO INTERVENE AND STAY DISCOVERY

On this date, the Court considered the MOTION OF UNITED STATES TO INTERVENE AND STAY DISCOVERY. The Court finds that the United States meets the requirements for permissive intervention under Fed. R. Civ. P. 24(b) and that a limited stay of discovery for a period of six months is warranted because the public's interest in an ongoing related criminal grand jury investigation outweighs the interests of the parties in conducting full discovery in this civil matter at this time. It is therefore ordered that the Motion be GRANTED. Upon entry of this Order of the Court, and for a period of six months or until further order of this Court, discovery that seeks evidence of an alleged conspiracy in violation of the Sherman Act involving air passenger transportation shall be limited as follows:

- 1. No discovery shall be conducted in this case, including without limitation, document requests, interrogatories, requests to admit, or depositions that refer, reflect or relate to any understandings, agreements, contacts, meetings, or communications, between or among defendants and/or air passenger carriers, relating to the sale, pricing, fares, volume, market share, customers, terms and conditions, distribution, or classes of air passenger tickets.
- 2. No discovery shall be conducted in this case relating to grand jury proceedings concerning air passenger and air cargo transportation, including without limitation, document requests, interrogatories, requests to admit, or depositions that refer, reflect or relate to any party's or witness' communications with the United States, or with the grand jury (including, but not limited to, the fact or existence of such communications), except by order of the Court upon good cause shown and consistent with governing law.
- 3. To the extent consistent with the first two paragraphs of this Order, discovery that concerns the following is not prohibited:

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Paras	a.	Third party discovery;			
2	b.	The sale of air passenger tickets by defendants (or their			
3		subsidiaries, joint ventures, affiliates or agents) to passengers,			
4		ticket purchasers not limited to passengers, travel agents,			
5		wholesalers, consolidators, and other customers;			
6	c.	The purchase or sale of air passenger tickets by or to			
7		passengers, travel agents, wholesalers, consolidators, other			
8		customers, or agents;			
9	d.	Defendants' sales, capacity, capacity utilization, costs, sales			
10		volumes, profitability, competitive position, market share, ticket			
11		classes, sales terms and conditions, contracts with ticket			
12		purchasers or travel agents, fares, and prices;			
13	e.	The identity of defendants' persons in positions of management			
14		or control of ticketing and pricing, including any directors,			
15		officers, managing agents and employees, and the identity of			
16		purchasers of tickets, travel agents, or distributors of tickets.			
17		Discovery may not seek narrative answers, but may ask for the			
18		names, positions, dates of employment, tenure, addresses, and a			
19		description of job duties for each during the class period;			
20-	f.	The storage, location, retention, destruction or identity of			
21		corporate records, including individual officer and employee			
22		records; and			
23	g.	To the extent that any defendant denies in its response to the			
24	sums must be a market of the contract of the c	Second Amended Consolidated Class Action Complaint that the			
25	estation in the contraction of t	Court lacks personal jurisdiction over that defendant, plaintiffs			
26		shall be allowed to take discovery relating to the issue of			
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1	personal jurisdiction over that Defendant.					
2	4. This Order does not prohibit class certification discovery, except as					
3	prohibited by the other terms within this Order.					
4	5. This Order does not prohibit the service of interrogatories, requests					
5	for admissions, requests for production of documents and deposition notices,					
6	except to the extent that such discovery requires the production of discovery which					
7	is stayed hereunder.					
8	6. All formal discovery requests shall be served on the U.S. Department					
9	of Justice, Antitrust Division ("DOJ"), at least three weeks before the discovery is					
10	due to be produced. The DOJ and any party may object to discovery on the basis					
11	that the requested discovery seeks information or documents prohibited under this					
12	Order.					
13	7. Nothing in this Order is intended to foreclose any objection to					
14	discovery that is otherwise permitted by this Order; all such objections are					
15	preserved. Any party or the DOJ can request a modification of the discovery					
16	permitted hereunder upon a showing of good cause.					
17.	8. The United States shall report on the status of the grand jury					
18	investigation 120 days after entry of this order. Six months after entry of this					
19	Order, the Court shall conduct a Discovery Status Conference whereby the United					
20.	States will provide a progress report to the Court and may seek further extension of					
21	the limited discovery stay for good cause shown.					
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23	IT IS SO ORDERED.					
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25	10/24/08 /S/ S. James Ofero					
26	DATED: The Honorable S. James Otero					
27	United States District Court Judge					
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